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**Searching the Internet**

There are two different basic kinds of websites you can use when performing a search on the Internet. They are called ***search engines*** and ***directories***. Search engines (such as Google or Bing) use “spiders” or computer software that crawls from link to link cataloguing every page they can find. When a user puts in a search term, the search engine searches the list of links and pages it has found and using a formula created by the programmers of that search engine, returns what the formula determines to be the best match. Directories are just what the term implies, a directory of websites that have been submitted and reviewed by editors who then organize them into categories that a user may browse to find the information that interests them. Yahoo started out as a directory, but today in the United States, Yahoo uses Bing to perform its searches and outside the U.S., it uses Google. Yahoo also allows companies to pay to have their sites listed in the Yahoo site listing.

A third option is a ***metasearch engine***. Metasearch engines use a combination of different search engines. When you enter your search term, they reach out to 3, 4 or more search engines to find the top results in them all. A popular metasearch engine is dogpile.com

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**Answer each question below and next to the answer, put down the url (website address) where you found the answer.**

**Example:** What is the first Beatles song? **Answer:** **“My Bonnie”** <http://answers.yahoo.com/question/index?qid=20090902140542AA60ltZ>

1. Originally named "The Beetles" they changed their name to "The Beatles" as a pun for beat music which is another name for rock 'n' roll. What member of the Beatles is responsible for changing the spelling of the band's name in 1960 and in what month did he make the change? (2 answers)

1. Who was born Peter Hernandez and why did he choose the name he is now known by (explain both his first and last name choice)?
2. Who wrote the famous song about Vincent Van Gogh in 1971 and who was the most recent artist to record that song on an album (2 answers)?

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1. Who played the role of Principal Svadean in the movie “Napoleon Dynamite” and what is his current daytime job (2 answers)?
2. On what day of the week will the Vice President of the United States celebrate his birthday next year (2014)? (you may need to list more than one website to show how you answered this question)
3. Where did the horse-drawn hearse in front of Disneyland’s Haunted Mansion come from?
4. What movies are playing at American Fork’s Towne Cinema theaters tonight?

1. What is the cheapest price for a round trip ticket between Salt Lake City and Seattle three weeks from today? (hint: search to find what Google tool might give you this information and then use that tool)
2. How many roller coasters opened (or are scheduled to open) in the world in 2013?
3. What is the story behind this photo?



1. Is the picture below real? If yes, where were these watermelons grown? If no, what is this really a picture of?



1. *Which year did Americans pay the least for a gallon of gas at the pump?* (when the price is adjusted for inflation using June 2013 dollars)

1. What cartoon character did the winner of the Lego ”Master Model Builder” competition create during his “job interview” in March of 2012?
2. The second wife of King Henry VIII is said to haunt the grounds where she was executed. What does she supposedly have tucked under her arm?
3. One of the most famous photos of the 20th century was taken at a memorial service for victims of La Coubre. On the original print, what’s stamped in the lower left corner?

1. If you stood in the shadow of The High One, you might be on the lookout for the Big Five. What would you be trying to see?
2. Find the following information about your birthday:
   1. Name of someone who died on your birthday:
   2. Name of someone famous who shares your birthday:
   3. The most famous event that happened on your birthday: